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HGAC SURVEYS BARN #400

After almost 20 years of visiting and surveying historic barns, a team of volunteers from the HGAC Barn Preservation Project recently added the 400th barn to the HGAC Register of historic Adams County Barns.

Barn owners Wayne and Leila Flickinger and their daughters, Alayna and Sarah, welcomed the barn surveyors to their beautiful three-gable Pennsylvania barn built in 1901 along the Cashtown Road just north of the Lincoln Highway. The Flickingers have owned the barn since 2021, and they have wasted no time in securing the longevity of the barn by replacing gutters, repointing the masonry foundation and making other repairs. Although three-gable barns are very common in some parts of Pennsylvania, they are somewhat rare in Adams County and the survey team relished the opportunity to photograph and measure such a barn that has been so well maintained.



Barn survey team members (L to R): Kendra Debany, Marcia Kile, Bruce Kile and Curt Musselman with Barn Register #400 owners Wayne, Leila and Sarah Flickinger.

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GET READY FOR HGAC'S 2023 BARN TOUR ON SEPTEMBER 16

Only two more months until HGAC's 2023 Barn Tour on Saturday, September 16! Don't miss this family friendly tour of six historic Adams County barns. The event will be held rain or shine.

The tour begins at the historic Round Barn on 298 Cashtown Road in Biglerville. Visitors must check in from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will receive a tour booklet with information and a map showing the locations of the barns, as well as other points of interest. After exploring the Round Barn, participants may then drive to any barn, in any order they wish. The tour ends at 4 p.m.

Tickets are available both in advance and the day of the event. Adults are \$35 in advance, and \$40 the day of the event. All kids under the age of 18 are free, and must be accompanied by an adult.

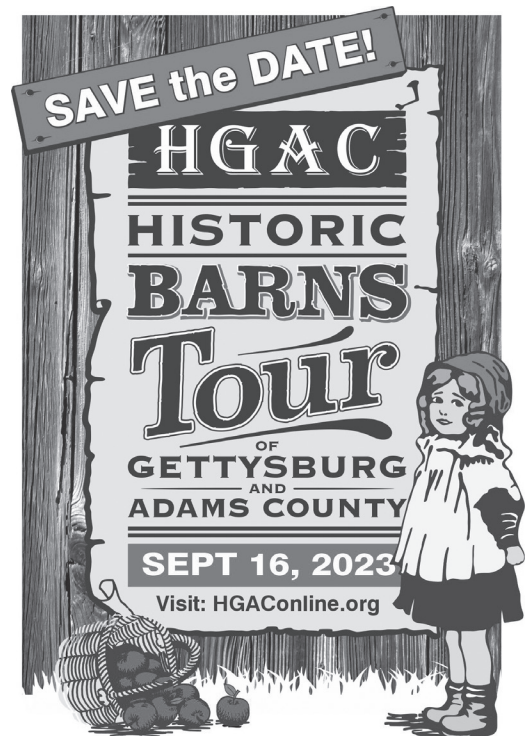
To purchase tickets in advance, click on HGAConline.org. Advance tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite using the link provided on the HGAC webpage. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event at the Round Barn.

The Round Barn where the tour begins is usually open to the public, but the other five historic barns on the tour are privately owned and will be open exclusively for the HGAC Barn Tour. The list of these barns with directions will be given to visitors during check-in at the Round Barn.

There will be fun and educational activities at each barn including a timber framing demonstration. Living history characters at the barns will demonstrate arts and crafts, farm-related activities and live music from the period of the 1800's when the barns on the tour were built.

A special activity for youth attending the Barn Tour will be "Barn Quest," a scavenger hunt to identify architectural features of historic barns. Barn Quest is presented by the HGAC Investing in Youth Initiative. Prizes are awarded in this competition and the deadline to complete the Barn Quest challenge is October 31. For more information click on HGAConline.org/investing-in-youth-initiatives

Proceeds from the tour benefit the HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program. Information about sponsorships of the tour is also available at HGAConline.org. Hope to see you at the tour!



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Historic Gettysburg Adams County held its annual meeting on May 24, 2023 at the Dobbin House Restaurant on Steinwehr Avenue in Gettysburg.

Fifty-seven HGAC members and honorees attended the meeting. After a meet and greet cocktail hour and sit-down dinner, HGAC President Keith Schultz called the meeting to order around 7:15 p.m. Dobbin House owner Jackie White, who is also a long-time HGAC member, joined President Schultz at the podium to welcome the crowd.

In his remarks, President Schultz noted the many successes of the past year, including the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the G.A.R. Hall and the growth of HGAC's Youth Initiative program. After the COVID hiatus, events such as the BarnArt Show and Sale, Educational Speakers Program and Homespun Christmas and Holiday Market returned in full force to the GAR Hall in 2022. Events to look forward to in 2023 include the Barn Tour on September 16, and a special "Evening with the Murals" on November 3, which will include family members of the late artist Virginia Jacobs McLaughlin, whose artwork graces the G.A.R. Hall.

President Schultz echoed a request made by HGAC Past President Jonathan Ingram at HGAC's 40th annual meeting in 2015 – Ingram urged members to "Nominate yourself or someone you know to our Board of Directors." Due to illness and resignations, HGAC's current board of directors has shrunk to eight members.

In order to allow the HGAC Board of Directors to remain stable while new board members are sought, President Schultz reported the board has passed a resolution that addresses the pandemic's impact on organization and allows current members of the Board to remain for a non-standard, one-year extension of their terms to reflect the year lost to the COVID pandemic.

New HGAC board members are currently being sought. President Schultz also urged members to take an active role in HGAC and volunteer to help with events and committee programs throughout the year.

(The 2023 House and Barn awards presented at the meeting can be found on the next page.)

– If you missed attending the annual dinner, you will have another chance to mix and mingle with your fellow HGAC members at the annual picnic on Sunday, August 27, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Battlefield B&B on Emmitsburg Road. See form below.

JOIN US AT HGAC'S ANNUAL PICNIC

Where: Battlefield B&B

2264 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

When: Sunday, August 27, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

What:

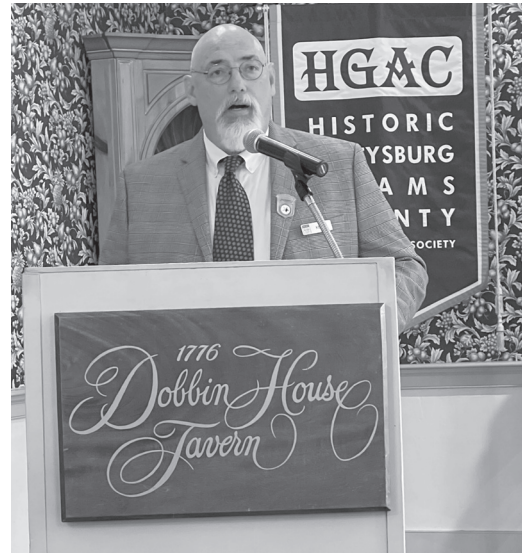
- Bring a covered dish – either a side or a dessert
- Bring your own adult beverage
- Grilled Hamburgers and Hotdogs provided
- Iced Tea / Lemonade / Water provided

Please let us know you are coming! Please RSVP by August 14.

**Mail in this form to HGAC, PO Box 4611, Gettysburg PA 17325
or RSVP at histgettyac@aol.com**

Yes, I will attend _____ Number of attendees _____

Will bring: Side dish _____ Dessert _____



2023 BARN AND HOUSE AWARDS

Each year Historic Gettysburg Adams County presents awards to dedicated property owners who believe, as HGAC believes, that there is beauty and value in architectural history and who have invested hundreds of hours of hardwork into preserving the past.

HGAC's Preservation Committee, chaired by Curt Musselman, is responsible for choosing a Barn Preservation Award winner, and the House Preservation Award Committee, chaired by Kendra Debany, selects a house winner.

2023 Barn of the Year



The Barn of the Year award went to Sherry Rogers and Clifford Frost for the extensive work done on their barn on Mount Hope Road, near Fairfield.

The Rogers-Frost Barn is a circa 1860 extended Pennsylvania Barn constructed by William Culp, brother of Henry Culp of Culp's Hill fame. The barn was plundered twice by Confederate troops in the summer of 1863 on the way to Gettysburg.

When Rogers and Frost purchased the barn in 2014, the barn needed extensive repairs to failing timbers and masonry. The barn siding and louvers were damaged and deteriorating. With the help of contractor Hugh (Sam) McKinney, Rogers and Frost, over eight years, methodically addressed significant threats to the barn's existence and completely restored the barn.

2023 House Preservation Award

The House Preservation Award went to David and Cynthia Salisbury for their restoration work on the Scott Farmhouse, located at 320 Scott Road in Freedom Township.

The Scott farmhouse was built in 1869-70 by Civil War veteran George Washington Scott. The Salisburys purchased the structure in January 2017 and immediately set to work restoring the farmhouse back to its original beauty.

They successfully accomplished all of their goals, the most complicated being the removal of the changes made to the house through the years. In addition, they restored the kitchen, sanded and refinished all of the floors, stripped and repainted all of the doors and door hardware and removed an overgrowth of shrubbery and vines and tall pine trees surrounding the house.



Many thanks to the members of the House Preservation Award Committee for their help in choosing our 2023 winner: Doug Cooke, Richard Mancini, Deb Novotny, Dean Norwich, Bill Braun, Stan McGee, and chair Kendra Debany.

The Salisburys and Rogers and Frost received bronze plaques from HGAC recognizing their indefatigable preservation work at HGAC's annual meeting on May 24.

HGAC's BarnArt Show and Sale the biggest yet

If you attended the Opening Night reception for HGAC's 15th BarnArt Show and Sale on June 9, you couldn't help but feel the excitement. Opening Night had its biggest crowd yet for the largest BarnArt Show so far – 48 artists exhibited 108 works at the G.A.R. Hall from Friday, June 9 through Sunday June 11.

Artists from Adams County and the surrounding area were well represented, along with participants from Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. All the artworks accepted into this unique exhibit included a representation of a barn or a detail of a barn.

The special feature of this year's BarnArt Show and Sale was a display by Gettysburg Times photographer, Darryl Wheeler. The collection of Wheeler's images, titled "Gone, But Not Forgotten," highlighted historic barns that have disappeared from Adams County's rural landscape. The images were selected from Darryl's vast collection stretching back over more than two decades.

Many thanks to this year's BarnArt judge Tony Cervino, who teaches sculpture as a professor of studio art at Dickinson College in Carlisle. Tony provided fascinating accounts of what moved him to choose the show award winners. Many thanks also to all the artists and HGAC volunteers who helped make this show a success.

On Opening Night, two cash prizes of \$1,000 were awarded: one for "Best of Show in Fine Art" and one for "Best of Show in Photography;" and \$500 prizes were given for second place in both categories. Opening Night attendees again cast their votes for the "People's Choice Award," and participating artists voted for the "Artists' Choice Award."

The show brought in more than \$6,000 for HGAC's Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program.



Congratulations to HGAC's BarnArt winners! From left to right:

- **Dawn Whitmore of Fredericksburg VA**, second place photography for "Beasley Homestead" (prize sponsored by ACNB Bank)
- **Jaci Rice of Weirton, WV**, first place fine art for her painting "Grey Before the Blue" (prize sponsored by Monica Oss and J. Jay Mackie)
- **John McNulty of Camp Hill, PA**, second place fine art for his painting "McClure's Gap Road Barn"
- **Andrew Muenzfeld of Gettysburg, PA**, first place photography for "Barns and Bales" (prize sponsored by David and Cynthia Salisbury)

In addition, **Paul Flury** won the Artists' Choice Award for his painting "The Dream" and the late **Jim Lauritsen** won the People's Choice Award for his painting "Trostle Barn"

Thanks to Gettysburg Times Darryl Wheeler for the photograph!

Overlooked but not forgotten – the Adams County Soldiers’ Memorial



HGAC thanks the National Park Service for the recent cleaning of the monument, cannons and lion statues in front of the G.A.R. building — their appearance is much improved!

bids on the monument design, gathering the names of all the soldiers to be inscribed; and securing a position on the Square from the Gettysburg Town Council on which to place the monument. Again, there was a lengthy appeal to the citizenry for financial support to offset the \$3,000 cost. Published in county newspapers, copies of the appeal were also sent directly to “all prominent men” in the county. Despite this aggressive fundraising campaign, community support was still not forthcoming. Finally, on July 6, 1891, the post resolved to fund the monument entirely from within its own ranks.

Progress then was rapid. To save money, a monument rejected by the 2nd New York Cavalry Association was acquired, re-ground, and inscribed with the 178 names of Adams County soldiers. There was originally only one bronze plate, noting the post had erected the monument and dedicating it “to the memory of their fallen Comrades of Adams County from 1861 to 1865.” The Pennsylvania State Seal was added later.

Returning to the present day and the monument’s exclusion from many guidebooks, this writer can only guess that since it is more expansive in both timeframe and soldiers remembered, it fails to be included in the guide publications. Licensed Battlefield Guides and Gettysburg Town Guides are well aware of the monument, but only their clients benefit from such tours. Yet, it should be remembered: names of Adams County soldiers who died here at Gettysburg and other battles are inscribed on the monument. Be sure to include this monument and the men it memorializes in your future monument walks!

Approximately 1300 monuments, memorials and markers dot our local landscape. They are an integral part of any visitor’s encounter with the battlefield, offering timeless testaments to a period of sacrifice and dedication. Anyone seeking a specific monument or more information on memorialized units or individuals has a wealth of materials to reference, whether printed or digital. However, there is one monument in Gettysburg that does not appear in any of the more popular guides.

Positioned in front of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Hall on East Middle Street stands the Adams County Soldiers’ Memorial, which was dedicated on February 22, 1892 with the Honorable Edward McPherson delivering the oration. One might assume that the effort to erect this monument was embraced enthusiastically as part of the great monumentalizing occurring across the battlefield. However, this monument almost did not materialize.

In 1867, the Corporal J.H. Skelly Post No. 9 of the G.A.R. was established. By 1880, the post purchased the vacant Methodist Church building on East Middle Street to house their growing membership. Once settled into their new building, the G.A.R. members turned their attention to memorializing those Adams County soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War. In January 1885, the first proposal was made to raise funds “for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the Adams County soldiers who died or were killed in the United States service from 1861 to 1865.”

After a county-wide appeal for funds from the county citizens failed, the proposal laid fallow until January 1887 when it was revived, guided by a new committee. Many actions were taken: taking

—Written by Greg Kaufmann, HGAC board member

HGAC Summer Programs

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

HGAC Educational Speaker Series

Come “Rendezvous with an Author” at the G.A.R. Hall, 53 East Middle Street in Gettysburg. Author Mark Greathouse will give a talk on the history of the American frontier on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m., as part of HGAC’s Educational Speaker Series. The talk is free and open to the public.

A fifth-generation Texan, Greathouse is a member of the Western Writers of America society. His presentation will include real-life tales of battling disease, bandits and Comanche as drawn from his family’s history in South Texas dating back to 1845. Copies of his most recent book, *Nueces Truth*, will be available for purchase at his talk.



Salvage Sisters Andie Donahue (at left) and Kendra Kaufmann

Architectural Salvage Warehouse

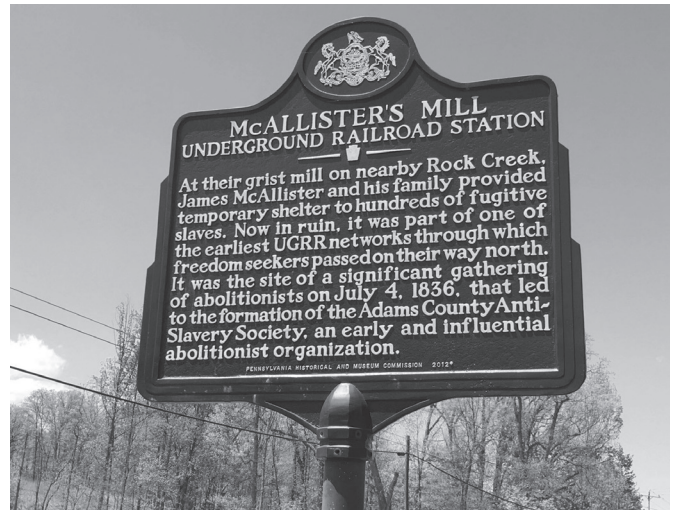
Looking for something vintage? Warehouse days will be held the first and third Saturday of each month through October at the historic Daniel Lady Farm, 986 Hanover Road in Gettysburg. The next dates the warehouse will be open are July 15, August 5 and 19 and September 2 and 16.

Can't make it to the farm? Send an email to histgettyac@aol.com for an appointment to view warehouse items. If you wish to donate items to the warehouse, please email the “Salvage Sisters,” Kendra Kaufmann and Andie Donahue, at the above email address.

Summer at Spangler

Learn about Pennsylvania Standard barns at the George Spangler Farm on 488 Blacksmith Shop Road in Gettysburg. HGAC volunteers offer a family friendly, informational presentation about the barn, which was also used as a Union Army field hospital. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays through August 13. Visitors must take the shuttle from the Gettysburg battlefield Visitors Center to reach the farm on these days.

The Gettysburg Foundation also hosts free “Family Days” when visitors can drive directly onto the farm without the shuttle. The next Family Days will be on the following Saturdays: September 2 and October 7. HGAC volunteers will be present on these dates also.



Take an Underground Railroad Tour

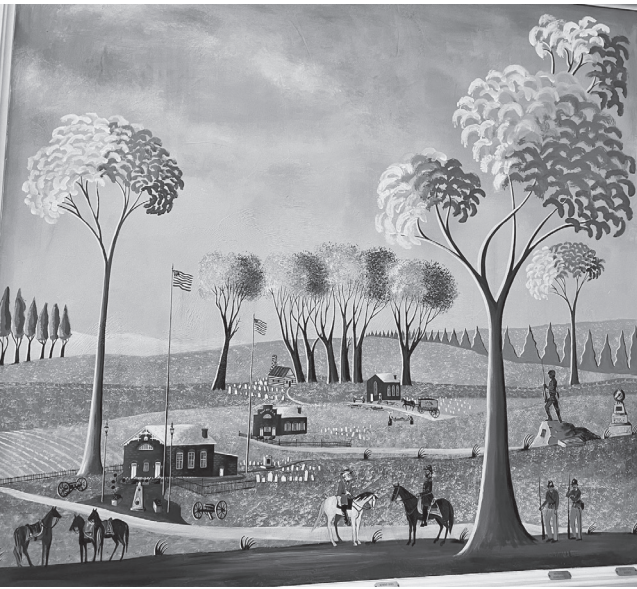
From now through August, HGAC’s Underground Railroad tours will be conducted weekly at McAllister’s Mill, located adjacent to the National Military Park on Baltimore Pike. Tours leave from the south end of the old Mulligan MacDuffer’s Mini Golf Course parking lot across from Granite Schoolhouse Road every Saturday at 11 a.m.

The site is designated as part of the National Park Service’s Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program. Suggested donations are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. All contributions support HGAC’s preservation activities. For more information, please call 717-659-8827.

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Save the dates!



An Evening with the Murals

If you are a fan of the beautiful murals that grace the walls of the G.A.R. building, circle the date for Friday, November 3. Meet family members of the late artist Virginia Jacobs McLaughlin, who painted the murals inside the hall. She also did the marbledization of the central alcove on the front dais of the hall.

McLaughlin was a college art teacher who went on to become a nationally recognized American primitive folk artist. Born Oct. 30, 1922, in Columbia, Missouri, McLaughlin lived for a time in Fairfield, Pa., before moving to Frederick, Md. in 1996. Her most well-known mural is on display at the Mount Vernon Inn on the grounds of Mount Vernon, the northern Virginia estate of President George Washington.

The murals at the G.A.R. Hall depict 80 of Gettysburg and Adams County's historic buildings and landmarks. Come learn more about the murals and McLaughlin's life! More details to come in the *Fall Preserve*.

Homespun Christmas and Holiday Market

Homespun 2023 will once again be held at the G.A.R. Hall on 53 East Middle Street in Gettysburg, in conjunction with Mainstreet Gettysburg's holiday festival weekend, scheduled for Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3.

Planning for Homespun is currently underway. Days and hours of operation will depend on the number of volunteers. All members who are crafters and bakers who wish to contribute items, and those who wish to volunteer to help on market days – please contact HGAC Secretary Coleen Dee Berry at hstgettyac@aol.com.

Watch for more details in the *Fall Preserve*!

HGAC surveys Barn #400 (continued from page 1...)

By placing their barn on the HGAC Barn Register, the Flickingers are now eligible to apply for a barn preservation grant from HGAC and to receive discounts on paint purchases from the Gettysburg Sherwin-Williams paint store. Since 2013, over 40 barn owners whose barns are on the register have received grants to help pay for the preservation of these historic structures. Barn owners also receive a semi-annual newsletter called the *BarnOwl (A word to the wise)* that is published by the Barn Preservation Project to share information about barn preservation, restoration and rehabilitation. If you own a barn and would like to have it added to the register, please call Curt Musselman, Barn Preservation Project Executive Director at 717-659-8827.



The Historic Gettysburg-Adams County (HGAC) Barn Preservation Project is a grass-roots effort that recognizes the important role played by barn owners

in preserving the historic architectural resources and landscapes within Adams County. The preservation of our historic barns helps to maintain our rural heritage and to create an attractive, bucolic setting that is appreciated by the millions of visitors who come to Gettysburg and Adams County and it helps keep them coming back.

Bob McIlhenny, Director of Development for the Barn Preservation Project, has noted that even if you are not a barn owner, you can help to save barns by making a donation or sponsoring one of our events. The major fund-raising event for our barn grants is the Historic Barns Tour of Gettysburg and Adams County, which will be held on September 16 this year. Information about sponsorships of the tour is available at HGACOnline.org. If you have any questions, please call Bob McIlhenny at 717-420-6500.



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